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1. AFTER A MADRID MEETING YESTERDAY BETWEEN AZCARATE (PCE),
SEGRE (PCI), AND KANAPA (PCF), MARCHAIS AND BERLINGUER
"ACCEPTED THE INVITATION" OF PCE SEC GEN CARRILLO TO HOLD
A "SUMMIT" MEETING IN THE SPANISH CAPITAL IN THE NEAR
FUTURE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. A PCE PRESS RELEASE
DESCRIBES YESTERDAY'S MEETING AS "CONFIRMING THE WILL OF
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THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNISTS TO REINFORCE THEIR
SOLIDARITY WITH THE PCE AND OTHER SPANISH DEMOCRATIC
FORCES IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR THE COMPLETE REESTABLISH-
MENT OF DEMOCRACY AND THE LEGALIZATION OF ALL POLITICAL
PARTIES."

2. PCE SOURCES REPORTEDLY HAVE "LEFT THE IMPRESSION"

WITH THE PRESS THAT THE PURPOSE OF SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE TWO-FOLD:

-- TO DEMONSTRATE THE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT WHICH THE PCE ENJOYS BY BRINGING TO SPAIN ITS EUROPEAN "HOMOLOGUES" (I.E., FOLLOW IN THE STEPS OF THE SOCIALIST PSOE AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC "TEAM"); AND

-- TO GIVE COHERENT PUBLIC SHAPE TO THE "FRAMEWORK OF AUTONOMY" FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE WITHIN WHICH THE THREE CP'S OPERATE (PROBABLY TO INCLUDE A COORDINATED STATEMENT ATTACKING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE).

3. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THE THREE WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES HAVE COMPLEMENTARY POLITICAL OBJECTIVES IN DEMONSTRATING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES THE MODERATION, INDEPENDENCE AND "LOVEABILITY" OF EUROCOMMUNISM. OBVIOUSLY THE CHOICE OF MADRID IS DESIGNED TO PRESSURE THE GOS ON THE LEGALIZATION ISSUE AS WELL AS ENHANCE THE PCE'S DRIVE FOR LOCAL RESPECTABILITY, THOUGH AS ONE WESTERN DIPLOMATIC OBSERVER SUGGESTED, THE PCE MAY BE TOO PUSHY FOR ITS OWN INTERESTS. THE GOS HAS SAID NOTHING AS YET AND THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO IT. WE JUDGE THE GOS WILL LIKELY RULE SUCH A MEETING OUT OF ORDER AT LEAST UNTIL THE ISSUE OF PCE LEGALITY IS RESOLVED BY THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED JUDICIAL PROCEDURES, (SEPTEL-NOTAL), A PROCEEDING WHICH WOULD IN FACT PROVIDE A CONVENIENT OUT TO THE GOS IN REFUSING PERMISSION.
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IF SO, THE EUROCOMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ATTEMPT A "CLANDESTINE" TYPE MEETING OR OPT FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE. STABLER

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